sease, of which 10 are Indians. The maining 142 are sero positive without y clinical manifestations.

(b) and (c) Global research efforts e focussed on finding effective drugs for e treatment of AIDS. Three groups drugs namely (i) anti-viral agents, (2) mmuno Stimulants and (3) drugs for atment opportunistic infection, are der investigations. So far none of e drugs under trial has been successful curing HIV infected persons.

However, Burroughs Wellcome India d. is exploring the possibility for proring Retrovir (Zidovudine-Azidethyme-) which is effective in prolonging surval of AIDS patients especially those th Pnuemecystic carneli infection).

**Appointment of Foreign coach for Hockey Players**

1870. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be eased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided appoint a foreign coach to train the ockey players representing the country the coming international events; and

(b) if so, whether the above decision been taken in response to the sugstion of the Indian Hockey Federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE EPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN ND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE INISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE EVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Indian ockey Federation, in its Coaching Plan, as indicated that they would need the rvices of a foreign coach for training f Indian Hockey Team. However, ie Indian Hockey Federation has not nt any proposals to the Government so ar.

**PCOs in Rajasthan**

1871. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICAIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received for public call offices (PCO) in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the total number of applications received in Bhilwara District;

(c) the number of applications approved, under consideration, and rejected in Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(d) by when pending applications are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total number of applications received for Public Call Offices in Rajasthan during the last three years 1735.

(b) The number of applications received from Bhilwara District is 28.

(c) The breakup of total number of applications in Rajasthan during last three years is:

(i) approved.....194.

(ii) under consideration....139

(iii) rejected.....1,402.

(d) The pending 139 applications are likely to be disposed of during next six months.

**दिल्ली में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन**

1872. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में कितने सार्वजनिक टेलिफोन कार्यरत हैं ;

(ख) आय और मीटर रीडिंग में अन्तर के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

**संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव)**: (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।